30th October 1933]

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Does the hon. the Minister see the impropriety of appointing a person who was appointed as Receiver by the court for Bobbili villages, as Special Officer under his jurisdiction ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" This particular officer was selected by the Board of Revenue. At that time I was not aware of it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Now that he is aware of it, will he withdraw that officer from the municipality ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" As long as there was the vacation, it was not possible to apply to the District Court to release this officer from the duties of Receiver. Soon after the opening of the Court another Receiver has been appointed and this officer no longer continues there."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Could he take two remunerations from two departments ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I see no objection to it."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Is it not necessary that the Government should permit him to receive separate remunerations ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" That is a separate remuneration as a Special Officer; he also draws remuneration for the office of Receiver."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON :—" What is the pay he receives as Special Officer ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" The usual pay drawn by Tahsildars in Government service plus special pay of Rs. 35."

Unauthorized expenditure on the Trichinopoly Water-works.

* 134 *Q.*—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report called for by the Government from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, in connexion with the unauthorized expenditure made in the water-works has been received; if so, when and what further action has been taken;

(*b*) whether the Sanitary Engineer inspected the water-works; if so, when and what the result is of his inspection and report on the matter; and

(*c*) whether the Collector, Trichinopoly, made a report regarding the interpolation by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, in the minutes book; if so, when and what the orders of the Government are on the same?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Chairman's report was received on the 28th March 1933 and it was referred to the Sanitary Engineer on the 11th April 1933. The Sanitary Engineer inspected the works from the 26th to the 29th April 1933. His report has since been received and it is now under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes. The Collector's report was received on the 19th June and he has been asked to hold an enquiry.

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—"May I know if the Collector's report has been received, what is the result of that enquiry?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The Collector's report has been received and it is under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know when the Government will pass orders on that report?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Very shortly; in the next few days."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"When was it received?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"About two or three weeks back."

Khan Bahadur P. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know when the Sanitary Engineer's report referred to in clauses (a) and (b) of the answer was received?"

11-45 a.m. The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I am afraid I cannot give the exact date. It was received sometime after the Collector's enquiry."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask why so much time is taken to pass orders on the Sanitary Engineer's report?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The Sanitary Engineer's report does not require any immediate orders of Government."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Is it alleged that the Chairman has executed certain works which are unauthorized?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Yes, Sir; that is a fact."

Appointment of Panchayat Officers.

* 135 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many districts panchayat officers have been appointed;

(b) in how many cases the posts were advertised for and in how many not;

(c) what the qualifications are of the officers appointed in each case;

(d) in how many cases were the appointments approved by the Government;

(e) in what boards was the approval given;

(f) what the districts are to which the Government did not give approval;

(g) what the qualifications, age and scale of pay are of the panchayat officer appointed by the Kistna District Board and approved by the Government;

(h) what the qualifications, age, etc., are of the candidate selected by the District Board, Guntur;